



CT FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS

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Director

Testimony of Alicia Piselli
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents
Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
March 13, 2014

Senate Bill 29. *"An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes."*

Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz, Senator Slossberg, Representative Maroney and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Alicia Piselli and I am a member of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. I am a former public high school teacher and mother of three children at Saint Mary School in Milford. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

After the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School, improving school security has understandably become a priority for many school districts throughout our state and our nation. Shouldn't ALL Connecticut schools be made as safe as possible? Shouldn't ALL Connecticut students be made a priority? This is a public safety issue and ALL students deserve the safest possible learning environment, regardless of where they attend school. Moreover, I believe the State of Connecticut has an ethical obligation to do all they can to protect ALL Connecticut students.

I humbly ask and fervently urge you to support an amendment to Section 9 of SB 29, and allow our Catholic schools access to the school security grant funding available to public schools in Connecticut. Please help us to keep all of Connecticut's students safe.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

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March 13, 2014

Alicia M. Moran

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is Alicia Moran and I am in 10th grade at Northwest Catholic High School. I am writing to testify in support of SB 29, and to request that funds for school security be made available to non-public schools.

Within the last year, many schools in Connecticut have made the decision to improve security procedures for their students. Governor Malloy has announced that grants in excess of 15 million dollars will be made available to public schools throughout the state. None of this money has been offered to Catholic schools.

Many Catholic schools have also made plans to make a vital investment in security upgrades. Schools may have to make the difficult choice of cutting other areas of spending in order to protect their students. I don't think that schools should have to make the choice between safety and educational materials.

Shouldn't the safety of ALL Connecticut students be a priority? If nursing and transportation services for non-public students are funded by the state, shouldn't school security be funded as well? All students deserve a safe learning environment, regardless of where they attend school. I believe that the State of Connecticut has an ethical obligation to ensure that students in Catholic and other non-public schools have the same security as students in our public schools.

I urge you to support SB 29, and to allow our Catholic schools access to the security grant funding available to public schools in Connecticut. Please help us to keep all of Connecticut's students safe.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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Testimony of Alexis Rose Piechowski
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Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Alexis Rose Piechowski and I am a student at Sacred Heart School in New Britain. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

My parents work very hard to pay their taxes and have chosen to send my sister and me to Sacred Heart, because it was the best decision for our family. I feel that my school and schools like mine should have the same protections under the law as public schools have. There is no difference between me and a public school student.

Respectfully we ask that you amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Alexis Rose Piechowski
Sacred Heart School, New Britain

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Senate Bill 29. *"An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes."*

Good morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding. My name is Brother Brian Davis, and I serve as the Headmaster of Xavier High School in Middletown. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

I applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, I am respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures. Here at Xavier High School, as with so many other schools since the Sandy Hook tragedy, we have been increasingly security conscious. To date we have spent over \$20,000 for new security measures, and see more expenses in the near future.

Respectfully I ask that you amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.



Brother Brian Davis, C.F. X.
Headmaster, Xavier High School





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Testimony of Bob Norris
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents

Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
March 13, 2014

Senate Bill 29. *"An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes."*

Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Bob Norris and I am a member of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

Respectfully we ask that you amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Bob Norris
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents



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Mary C. Roberts
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Testimony of Barbara Skopp
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents
Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
March 13, 2014

Senate Bill 29. *"An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes."*

Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Barbara Skopp and I am a member of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

As a grandparent with grandchildren in St. Mary's school in Milford, I find it a serious problem when all of our parents pay tremendous property taxes here with approximately 60% of that tax money going to support the public school system in our city. Seeing that our children at St. Mary's are and should be looked upon as just as precious and valuable as those in public school, I feel it most necessary to change the wording in bill 29, section 9(E) 2 to make security grant funds available to ALL schools, not just public education. ALL the children of the State of Connecticut deserve to be safe at school, no matter what school they attend, be it a religious, public or otherwise. A child is a child and they all deserve to be treated alike by our heavily taxing government.

We chose to send our children to St. Mary's for many reasons. Wherever a child attends school in this state, funding should be based upon where the taxpayers children are, not what type of school it is. We, at St. Mary's alone, are relieving the public system in Milford of over 288 pupils which should be saving the public system quite a bit of money. As it stands, grants coming in to Milford from the State are not including St. Mary's. So, our parents are funding public schools heavily yet where they chose to place their own kids is not subject to receiving any grants for safety and security equipment. This is not fair and is an outrage. Bill 29, as it stands right now, is choosing who is safe and who isn't. At the same time, parents of St. Mary's children are funding all the extras for Milford Public Schools. Simply not fair

On behalf of St. Mary's school I sincerely hope you will take these words seriously and realize what an outrage this is for our children and their tax paying parents. Change needs to be made and right away so as to assure safety for ALL the schools.

Respectfully submitted

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March 13, 2014
Antonietta Wakefield

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is Antonietta Wakefield and I am the mother of Robert Wakefield who is in the 4th grade at Saint Mary School in Newington, Ct and Jessica Wakefield who is in the 1st grade at St. Mary School. I am writing to testify in support of SB 29, and to request that funds for school security be made available to non-public schools.

Within the last year, many schools in Connecticut have made the decision to improve security procedures for their students. Governor Malloy has announced that grants in excess of 15 million dollars will be made available to public schools throughout the state. None of this money has been offered to Catholic schools.

St. Mary School and many other Catholic schools have made plans to make a vital investment in security upgrades. Schools may have to make the difficult choice of cutting other areas of spending in order to protect their students.

Shouldn't the safety of ALL Connecticut students be a priority? If nursing and transportation services for non-public students are funded by the state, shouldn't school security be funded as well? All students deserve a safe learning environment, regardless of where they attend school. I believe that the State of Connecticut has an ethical obligation to ensure that students in Catholic and other non-public schools have the same security as students in our public schools.

I urge you to support an amendment to section 9 of SB 29, and to allow our Catholic schools access to the security grant funding available to public schools in Connecticut. Please help us to keep all of Connecticut's students safe.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Antonietta Wakefield

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Gregory and Anthony Zohrabian

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is Gregory Zohrabian and I am in the 7th grade and my brother Anthony is in the Kindergarten at Saint Mary School in Newington. I am writing to testify in support of SB 29, and to request that funds for school security be made available to non-public schools.

Within the last year, many schools in Connecticut have made the decision to improve security procedures for their students. Governor Malloy has announced that grants in excess of 15 million dollars will be made available to public schools throughout the state. None of this money has been offered to Catholic schools.

Shouldn't the safety of ALL Connecticut students be a priority? If nursing and transportation services for non-public students are funded by the state, shouldn't school security be funded as well? All students deserve a safe learning environment, regardless of where they attend school. I believe that the State of Connecticut has an ethical obligation to ensure that students in Catholic and other non-public schools have the same security as students in our public schools.

I urge you to support an amendment to Section 9 of SB 29, and to allow our Catholic schools access to the security grant funding available to public schools in Connecticut. Please help us to keep all of Connecticut's students safe.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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Andrea E. Ramos

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is Andrea E. Ramos and I am the proud grandmother of three girls, one in 1st grade, 2nd grade, and 4th grade at Saint Mary School, Gulf Street, Milford, CT 06460. I am writing to testify in support of SB 29, and to request that funds for school security be made available to non-public schools. I am also requesting that funds for bus transportation and nursing services continue to be provided for Catholic schools.

Within the last year, in the wake of the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy, many schools throughout Connecticut have made the decision to improve security procedures for their students. Governor Malloy has announced that grants in excess of \$15 million dollars will be made available to public school districts throughout the state. **However, none of this money has been offered to Catholic schools.**

Many Catholic schools have also made plans to make a vital investment in security upgrades at a great cost. Catholic schools may have to make the difficult choice of cutting other areas of spending in order to protect their students, which in this day and age is **VITAL AND NECESSARY.**

As a tax-paying and voting member of this state, I pose to you the following questions:

- Shouldn't the safety of **ALL Connecticut students** be a priority?
- If nursing and transportation services for non-public students are funded by the state, shouldn't school security be funded as well?
- Why are Catholic school students being penalized, discriminated, and viewed as "second class citizens" because of where they attend school?

ALL students deserve a safe learning environment, regardless of where they attend school. I believe that the State of Connecticut has an ethical and moral obligation to ensure that students in Catholic and other non-public schools have the same security as students in our public schools.

I urge you to support SB 29, and to allow our Catholic schools access to the security grant funding available to public schools in Connecticut. **Please help us to keep all of Connecticut's students safe.**

Thank you for your time and attention to this very urgent matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Testimony of Amy McKearney
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents
Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
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Senate Bill 29. *"An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes."*

Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Amy McKearney and I am a member of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. I currently have two children attending St. Mary Magdalen School. My youngest will follow suit of her sisters, and start school in the fall, when she is old enough. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

I grew up in Newtown, Connecticut, and currently live in Thomaston, Connecticut. A few reasons why I am writing to you today are because of the events that unfolded on December 14, 2012, and the funds that have already been distributed to public schools for security improvements because of the events in Newtown.

When I grew up, we did not have lock-downs or have to practice them, we did not have school cameras, or police presence either. We did not worry about our safety while in school. Children today should be able to feel safe, secure and protected while attending school.

Since Governor Dannel Malloy has announced public school grants of over \$15 million dollars, this is a clear message to me, that the Governor supports safety for our all our children.

After December 14, 2012, I was happy to see so many schools react quickly to modify the schools to protect our children. My children's schools made significant progress on building a safer school environment by adding video cameras, bullet proof windows, and improving the entrance to protect the staff and the children.

I am very appreciative of the nursing and transportation services entitlements to all of Connecticut's school children. Those services go a long way in helping our Connecticut schools and families. Now the time has come for safety to be a priority for all Connecticut school children too.

I am humbly asking for you to please support an amendment to section 9 of Bill 29 and allow our Catholic schools access to the security grant funding available to public schools in Connecticut, to have all Connecticut school's safety be a priority as well.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Amy McKearney



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Testimony of Allison Bouffard
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents

Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
March 13, 2014

Senate Bill 29. "*An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes.*"

Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Allison Bouffard and I am a member of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes.*

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

It is my belief that regardless of where a child attends school, they are entitled to monies that will provide greater security. Please support amending Section 9 or Bill 29 and allow our Catholic schools access to the school security grant funding available to public schools. I teach in a public school and see the changes that have been made this past year to make our schools safer and would like my own children to feel/be safe who attend a Catholic School.

Respectfully I ask again that you amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Allision Bouffard
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March 13, 2014
David Dauphinais

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is David Dauphinais and my son attends St. Matthew School in Forestville. I am writing to testify in support of SB 29, and to request that funds for school security be made available to non-public schools.

Within the last year, many schools in Connecticut have made the decision to improve security procedures for their students. Governor Malloy has announced that grants in excess of 15 million dollars will be made available to public schools throughout the state. None of this money has been offered to Catholic schools.

Many Catholic schools have made plans to make a vital investment in security upgrades. Schools may have to make the difficult choice of cutting other areas of spending in order to protect their students.

Shouldn't the safety of ALL Connecticut students be a priority? If nursing and transportation services for non-public students are funded by the state, shouldn't school security be funded as well? All students deserve a safe learning environment, regardless of where they attend school. I believe that the State of Connecticut has an ethical obligation to ensure that students in Catholic and other non-public schools have the same security as students in our public schools.

I urge you to support SB 29, and to allow our Catholic schools access to the security grant funding available to public schools in Connecticut. Please help us to keep all of Connecticut's students safe.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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Testimony of Daryl W. Osiecki
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Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Daryl W. Osiecki and I am a member of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

Respectfully we ask that you amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Daryl W. Osiecki
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Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of Daniel Murphy
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents
Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
March 13, 2014

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Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Daniel Murphy and I am a member of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

In the wake of the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy, much has been done to secure schools throughout our state and our nation. It is my understanding that Governor Dannel Malloy has announced grants to public school districts throughout the state in excess of \$15 million and none of this money has been offered to Catholic Schools.

Many of Connecticut's Catholic Schools have improved security at a cost. As a result of these expenditures, these Catholic Schools have had to make cuts in other areas. If nursing and transportation services are entitlements to all of Connecticut's school children, then shouldn't safety be as well?

Regardless where a child attends school they should be entitled to monies that will provide greater security for them. Connecticut's Catholic school students or any students deserve a safer place to learn.

Respectfully we ask that you amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

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Testimony of Cynthia Hartsburg
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents

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Senate Bill 29. *"An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes."*

Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Cynthia Hartsburg and I am a member of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

Respectfully we ask that you amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Cynthia Hartsburg
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents



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March 13, 2014
Carolyn J. Malon

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and Members of the Finance Committee, my name is Carolyn Malon and I am the parent of two Catholic School students. I am here to testify in support of SB 29, and to request that funds for school security be made available to Catholic and other non-public schools.

SB 29 includes an amount of up to ten million dollars which will be allocated for grants to schools in Connecticut for the purpose of security upgrades. I am here to request that this grant funding be made available to Catholic and other non-public schools as well.

Many Catholic schools in the state are struggling financially. At the same time, the principals at these schools recognize the importance of maintaining a safe learning environment for their students, and understand that there will be significant financial cost to make upgrades. These school leaders realize that they may have to make the difficult choice of cutting other area of spending in order to protect their students.

The State of Connecticut has a proud history of providing funding to Catholic schools for vital services such as transportation and nursing staff. I believe that school security is just as vital. Catholic schools students are at the same risk level for security breaches as students in public schools. Shouldn't the safety of ALL Connecticut students be our priority? All students deserve a safe learning environment, regardless of which school they attend. It is my firm belief that the legislators of the State of Connecticut have a moral obligation to ensure that students in Catholic and other non-public schools have the same security as students in our public schools. I urge you to support SB 29, and further, to please allow our Catholic schools access to this vital funding for security upgrades. Please help us to keep ALL of Connecticut's students safe.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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Testimony of Caroline Perrotta
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Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Caroline Perrotta and I am a member of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

Last year's horrific events at Sandy Hook elementary have taught us many things, one of which is the painful reminder that no one is immune to violence and other horrific acts. That said no one should be excluded from receiving granted security funds based on the type of school that their parents choose to send them to. As a parent of two catholic school children and a taxpayer who, year after year, sees more of my hard earned money going to state taxes, I am very disappointed to hear that funds have only been granted to upgrade security in our public schools. Catholic schools are not cash flush, tuition and fundraising events are used to pay teachers and provide acceptable amenities to children so that they can stay on par with the resources that are afforded to their public school attending peers.

There is nothing more important than a child's education and ALL children deserve to enjoy learning in the safest possible environment. Therefore, I respectfully ask that you amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Caroline Perrotta
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Testimony of Debra Zito
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents

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Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Debra Zito and I am a member of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

My daughter is in 1st grade, the same age as the children who lost their lives in the Sandy Hook massacre, ALL children's safety should be our #1 priority. Milford was reimbursed \$1.31M from the state for security upgrades, our catholic school received nothing.

Respectfully we ask that you amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Debra Zito
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents



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Testimony of David Forrler
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents

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Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is David Forrler and I am a member of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

Respectfully we ask that you amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

David Forrler
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents



Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of Diane R. Lipari
Parent, Northwest Catholic High School
March 13, 2014

Re: Senate Bill 29. "An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes"

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding,

I am a taxpayer and a parent of a Catholic High School student. I am respectfully requesting that you review the request by the Catholic schools to amend the law to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

I believe that improved safety of **all** school students, regardless of where they may go to school in Connecticut, should be our collective goal in the state. The proposal put forth by the Connecticut Federation of Catholic School Parents is fair. This proposal will give our schools the assistance they need to ensure that every student, staff, faculty member and visitor is in a safe space, where learning not fear is the main objective.

Please amend Section 9 of SB29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you.

Diane R. Lipari



**CT FEDERATION
OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS**

Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of Douglas Donato
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents
Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
March 13, 2014

Senate Bill 29. *"An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes."*

Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Douglas Donato and I am a member of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

In the wake of the Sandy Hook tragedy, we applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. In response to the horrific events of December 2012 in nearby Newtown CT, Saint Mary Magdalen School (Oakville, CT) took a proactive approach to school safety, without any expectation of compensation we assessed and addressed the security related short comings of our school using every external and internal resource at our disposal. This was a considerable unplanned expense, and due to very limited financial resources, had to be planned very carefully.

In the months since that awful day we have undertaken careful and value added steps to improve our facilities and human awareness regarding safety. I have personally discussed the particulars with parents and caregivers and have come to realize the immense concern security and safety occupies in the minds of parents/faculty and staff. With all of the economic and educational challenges facing families today basic concepts of safety must be readily addressed if education is going to occur.

The expense incurred by St. Mary Magdalen School has been carefully managed but the desire to be ever vigilant and work toward continuous improvement is ongoing. Parochial schools in the Archdioceses of Hartford provide substantial savings to many public school systems and any assistance in addressing basic costs associated with fundamental rights, such as physical security and freedom from fear, so that learning can happen, is absolutely essential.

It is only if all schools are no longer considered "easy targets" but are known as secure and protected areas, can we be confident that the most vulnerable and innocent among us are valued and grow up free to govern and understand what constitutes justice, only then can we be confident our democratic and humanitarian ideals will be preserved.

We humbly ask that you amend section 9 of Bill 29 and allow Catholic Schools to access the security grant funding available to public schools. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Douglas Donato
School Board Chairman
Saint Mary Magdalen School
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Mary C. Roberts
Director

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Finance Committee

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Purposes
March 13, 2014
Dorothy Dauphinais

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is Dorothy Dauphinais and my son attends St. Matthew School in Forestville. I am writing to testify in support of SB 29, and to request that funds for school security be made available to non-public schools.

Within the last year, many schools in Connecticut have made the decision to improve security procedures for their students. Governor Malloy has announced that grants in excess of 15 million dollars will be made available to public schools throughout the state. None of this money has been offered to Catholic schools.

Many Catholic schools have made plans to make a vital investment in security upgrades. Schools may have to make the difficult choice of cutting other areas of spending in order to protect their students.

Shouldn't the safety of ALL Connecticut students be a priority? If nursing and transportation services for non-public students are funded by the state, shouldn't school security be funded as well? All students deserve a safe learning environment, regardless of where they attend school. I believe that the State of Connecticut has an ethical obligation to ensure that students in Catholic and other non-public schools have the same security as students in our public schools.

I urge you to support SB 29, and to allow our Catholic schools access to the security grant funding available to public schools in Connecticut. Please help us to keep all of Connecticut's students safe.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary C. Roberts
Director

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Purposes
March 13, 2014
Donna Ramos-Casiano

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is Donna Ramos-Casiano, and I am a parent of two children who attend Saint Mary School in Milford. I am writing to testify in support of amending Section 9 of SB 29.

Within the last year, in the wake of the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy, many schools throughout Connecticut have made the decision to improve security procedures for their students. Many of Connecticut's Catholic schools have improved security at a cost because they feel that this cost is one that is not only necessary, but vital. As a result of these expenditures, schools have had to make cuts in other vital areas. Governor Dannel Malloy has announced grants to public school districts throughout the state in excess of 15 million dollars. None of this money has been offered to Catholic Schools.

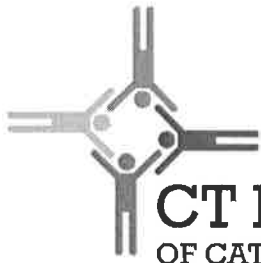
As a tax-paying and voting member of this state, I pose to you the following questions. Why has none of this grant money been offered to Catholic schools? Shouldn't the safety of ALL Connecticut students be a priority? If nursing and transportation services for Catholic school students are funded by the state, shouldn't school security be funded as well? Why are Catholic school students being penalized and discriminated against because of where they attend school?

ALL students deserve a safe learning environment, regardless of where they attend school. I believe that the State of Connecticut has an ethical obligation to ensure that students in Catholic and other non-public schools have the same security as students in our public schools. I urge you to support an amendment to Section 9 of SB 29, and to allow our Catholic schools access to the security grant funding available to public schools in Connecticut. Please help us to keep all of Connecticut's students safe.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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CT FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS

Mary C. Roberts
Director

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Finance Committee

SB 29 An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and Other Purposes
March 13, 2014
Matthew J. Ramos

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is Matthew J. Ramos and I am in the proud parent of a 1st grader, at Saint Mary School, Gulf Street, Milford, CT 06460. I am writing to testify in support of SB 29, and to request that funds for school security be made available to non-public schools. I am also requesting that funds for bus transportation and nursing services continue to be provided for Catholic schools.

Within the last year, in the wake of the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy, many schools throughout Connecticut have made the decision to improve security procedures for their students. Governor Malloy has announced that grants in excess of \$15 million dollars will be made available to public school districts throughout the state. **None of this money has been offered to Catholic schools.**

Many Catholic schools have also made plans to make a vital investment in security upgrades at a great cost. Catholic schools may have to make the difficult choice of cutting other areas of spending in order to protect their students because it is **VITAL AND NECESSARY.**

As a tax-paying and voting member of this state, I pose to you the following questions:

- Shouldn't the safety of **ALL Connecticut students** be a priority?
- If nursing and transportation services for non-public students are funded by the state, shouldn't school security be funded as well?
- Why are Catholic school students being penalized and discriminated against because of where they attend school?

ALL students deserve a safe learning environment, regardless of where they attend school. I believe that the State of Connecticut has an ethical and moral obligation to ensure that students in Catholic and other non-public schools have the same security as students in our public schools. It is my belief that regardless where a child attends school they are entitled to monies that will provide greater security for them. Connecticut's Catholic school students or any students deserve a safer place to learn.

I urge you to support SB 29, and to allow our Catholic schools access to the security grant funding available to public schools in Connecticut. I humbly ask for you to support amending Section 9 of SB Bill 29 and allow our Catholic schools access to the security grant funding available to public schools in Connecticut. **Please help us to keep all of Connecticut's students safe.** Thank you for your time and attention to this very urgent matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of Martin Tristine
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents

Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
March 13, 2014

Senate Bill 29. *"An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes."*

Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, and thank you for providing me the opportunity to express my concerns. My name is Martin Tristine and I am the Assistant to the Superintendent of Catholic schools for the Diocese of Bridgeport. I am testifying in support of the Governor's Bill 29 and specifically Section 9(e) (2) "for the purposes of the school security infrastructure competitive grants program established pursuant to Section 84 of Public Act 13-3".

As a consequence of the terrible tragedy at Sandy Hook School in Newtown, Connecticut residents are painfully aware of the need to protect our children while they are in the care of our educational institutions. Many towns in Connecticut have made funds available to enhance security at their public schools in an effort to address their citizen's concerns about their children's safety. Unfortunately Catholic Schools have not been included in this public funding. While we have adopted new policies to improve security and have made some investments in improving security, our schools' available resources limit our ability to do all we need to do in light of recent school intrusions and will require several years to achieve the level of security our children deserve.

Considering that there are 113 Catholic Schools in the state, serving almost 30,000 students, this is a major concern. Our Catholic School students are certainly deserving of the same protections that their public school counterparts are receiving. Our school families, many of whom are not Catholic, trust that their tax dollars will be used to provide the same protection to their children that the government has extended to public school students. Our families contribute the same tax dollars to fund public schools as do public school students' families even though our families do not attend public schools. In the past, the Connecticut Legislature recognized the fairness of including private schools for bus transportation and school nursing. The protection of all our citizens is the most important and basic responsibility of government and should not be provided based on a school being public or private. The Catholic Schools of Connecticut are an integral part of the state's education system, saving state boards of education over \$400 million each year. The security of our children should not be determined by where they go to school, it should be determined based on their constitutional right for fairness and the protection of their government.

Thank you,

Martin P. Tristine
Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools
Diocese of Bridgeport



Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of Maritza McGraw
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents

Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
March 13, 2014

Senate Bill 29. *"An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes."*

Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Maritza McGraw and I am a member of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

Respectfully we ask that you amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Maritza McGraw
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents



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Mary C. Roberts
Director

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Finance Committee

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March 13, 2014
Margaret McDonald

Members of the Finance Committee: My name is Margaret McDonald and I am the principal of Saint Mary School, located at 652 Willard Avenue, Newington, CT 06111. I am writing in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29 to allow Catholic Schools access to the security grant funding available to CT's public schools. In the wake of the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy, much has been done to secure schools throughout our state and our nation. Governor Dannel Malloy has announced grants to public school districts throughout the state in excess of 15 million dollars. None of this money has been offered to Catholic Schools. Our children deserve the same security as children who attend the state's public schools.

While some Catholic Schools may be in a position to reallocate funds, most of us are on a shoe-string budget and do not have the money to add security measures. Last year, Saint Mary School changed the locks on all exterior doors so that they cannot be left unlocked accidentally, in an effort to improve our security. However, here is so much more that should be done, but the little money that we have available will not do much to increase the security of our schools. We need help; we, your constituents, need your help!

The state has recognized that transportation and nursing services are entitlements to all of Connecticut's school children; their safety is of equal, if not greater, importance. Given the location of my school on a main street that is in close proximity to several major highways and a Veteran's hospital that is used by men and women who suffer from the mental effects of combat, I sometimes feel that we are "sitting ducks". Don't you think our children are entitled to improved security?

Last year, my students looked out their classroom windows to see a house across the street surrounded by the Newington Police SWAT team. Alarmed parents arriving for a scheduled event asked why police were surrounding the house with assault weapons. I had no answer; I had not been notified, but based on what I was being told by students and parents, I decided to go into lockdown. Just as I was about to call the code, I received a call advising me to do so. That call should have come in much sooner than it had!

It is my belief that regardless where a child attends school they are entitled to monies that will provide greater security for them. The parents of my students pay their fair share of taxes to the state and their children should be recipients of the benefits derived from those taxes, especially when one of those benefits is their safety. Connecticut's Catholic school students or, for that matter, all students deserve a safer place to learn.

I humbly ask for you to support amending Section 9 of Bill 29 and allow our Catholic schools access to the security grant funding available to public schools in Connecticut. Please do not risk losing even one of them just because the building in which they are being educated is not part of the public school system.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of Marci Castelli
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents

Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
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Senate Bill 29. *"An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes."*

Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Marci Castelli and I am a member of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

As a single mother of a little boy who attends Catholic school I am very concerned that, the funding for school security is only available to the public schools and not our private schools. I think all of our children should be considered for their safety. The children who attend private school still need to be protected just as much as children who attend public school. ALL children need to be safe and that means that all schools should be granted funds for their safety.

Respectfully we ask that you amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Marci Castelli
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents



Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of Lydia Wallace
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents

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Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Lydia Wallace and I am a member of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

Respectfully we ask that you amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Lydia Wallace
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents



Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of Leslie Amoroso
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents

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March 13, 2014

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Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Leslie Amoroso and I am a member of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

Respectfully we ask that you amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Leslie Amoroso
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents

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Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is Tara Bellefleur and I am the principal of Saint Timothy Middle School in West Hartford. I am writing to testify in support of SB 29, and to request that funds for school security be made available to non-public schools.

Within the last year, many schools in Connecticut have made the decision to improve security procedures for their students. Governor Malloy has announced that grants in excess of 15 million dollars will be made available to public schools throughout the state. None of this money has been offered to Catholic schools.

At Saint Timothy Middle School, \$50,770.20 was spent last summer to improve security. These improvements and upgrades include a security gate, door locks, security cameras, monitors, intercom for the front doors, two-way radios, Voice/e-mail/text notification system, keyless entry, security doors and wiring to support the security system. Saint Timothy Middle School has had to make the difficult choice of cutting other areas of spending in order to protect our students.

Shouldn't the safety of ALL Connecticut students be a priority? If nursing and transportation services for non-public students are funded by the state, shouldn't school security be funded as well? All students deserve a safe learning environment, regardless of where they attend school. I believe that the State of Connecticut has an ethical obligation to ensure that students in Catholic and other non-public schools have the same security as students in our public schools.

I urge you to support SB 29, and to allow our Catholic schools access to the security grant funding available to public schools in Connecticut. Please help us to keep all of Connecticut's students safe.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
Tara Bellefleur
Principal



Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of Laurie Fasano Norris
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents

Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
March 13, 2014

Senate Bill 29. *"An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes."*

Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Laurie Fasano Norris and I am a member of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

As a parent and Past President of our Home and School (PTA) at St. Catherine of Siena School in Trumbull Ct., I urge you to please include catholic schools for funding on security. We are just as much a vital school in our community that requires the same basic needs and wants of every other school, especially security for our children.

Last year after Newtown, we purchased new entry doors in excess of \$15,000.00. This money was sorely needed for new technology and other necessary upgrades that we were unable to purchase. Many of our families struggle financially and are doing everything they can to keep their children in our school. Please, as Parents, we are citizens that pay State and Local taxes. We save our towns by not using the public schools.

I beg you to consider your decision by funding us too. Our children deserve it. Respectfully we ask that you amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Laurie Fasano Norris



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Testimony of Larry Fitzgerald
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents

Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
March 13, 2014

Senate Bill 29. *"An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes."*

Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Larry Fitzgerald and I am the Principal at Sacred Heart School in Groton, CT. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

This morning, I respectfully ask that Section 9 of SB 29 be amended to include non-public schools. It is a great thing that the State of Connecticut has funding to give to schools in order for them to make them as safe as possible for our most cherished citizens, our children. I feel that by not including non-public schools in this funding we are doing a disservice to those Connecticut children who attend these schools.

The tragedy that occurred at Sandy Hook school in Newtown could have also happened at St. Rose of Lima School in Newtown or even here at Sacred Heart School in Groton. We have spent thousands of dollars upgrading our school to include new security doors, additional keypad entry-ways for security, updated buzzer systems, silent alarm systems and additional security cameras. There is still more to be done and to be included in this bill would greatly enhance the non-public schools' ability to add security measures that so sadly are needed in today's world.

I ask you to think about all of Connecticut's students in the funding for school security and not just those who attend public school. I thank you for your time and understanding.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Fitzgerald
Principal
Sacred Heart School



Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of Katrina Rizzitelli
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents

Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
March 13, 2014

Senate Bill 29. *"An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes."*

Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Katrina Rizzitelli and I am a member of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

I write to you today in awe that school security for ALL schools is even questioned. Every child, regardless of where they attend school, deserves to attend that school with the same amount of safety and security as every other child in every other school. I know that my children's Catholic school spent over \$25,000.00 in security upgrades in light of the Sandy Hook tragedy. This money came from the school's general fund and from our golf fundraiser. Since the money came from these sources, other improvements and/or educational needs could not be made. Catholic schools are entitled to school nurses to keep our children healthy and busing to get our children to school safely. Why on earth would security not be an entitlement? If the Sandy Hook tragedy had been at a private/parochial school, would this even be a question? In addition, there needs to be a communication among ALL schools in a town (public, private, parochial, preschool, daycare) when there is a need for a lockdown. Every child's life is worth protecting which I am sure we all agree upon.

Please support amending section 9 of Bill 29 to allow Catholic Schools access to the security grant funding available to CT's public schools. My children's lives may someday depend on it.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Katrina Rizzitelli
Derby, CT
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents



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Mary C. Roberts
Director

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Finance Committee

SB 29 An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and Other Purposes
March 13, 2014
Karen Hurley

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is Karen Hurley and I am the 4th grade teacher at Saint Mary School in Newington. I am writing to testify in support of an amendment to Section 9 of SB 29, and to request that funds for school security be made available to non-public schools.

Within the last year, many schools in Connecticut have made the decision to improve security procedures for their students. Governor Malloy has announced that grants in excess of 15 million dollars will be made available to public schools throughout the state. None of this money has been offered to Catholic schools.

Shouldn't the safety of ALL Connecticut students be a priority? If nursing and transportation services for non-public students are funded by the state, shouldn't school security be funded as well? All students deserve a safe learning environment, regardless of where they attend school. I believe that the State of Connecticut has an ethical obligation to ensure that students in Catholic and other non-public schools have the same security as students in our public schools.

I urge you to support an amendment to Section 9 of SB 29, and to allow our Catholic schools access to the security grant funding available to public schools in Connecticut. Please help us to keep all of Connecticut's students safe.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of Judy Palko RN
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents

Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
March 13, 2014

Senate Bill 29. *"An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes."*

Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Judy Palko RN and I am a member of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

Respectfully we ask that you amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Judy Palko RN
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents



Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of Judy Bryant
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents

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Senate Bill 29. *"An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes."*

Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Judy Bryant and I am a member of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

I am worried not only for my own grandchildren, but all children attending Catholic Schools, I believe students should be treated equally, especially where their security is concerned. Therefore section 9 of Bill 29 should be revised to include Catholic schools as well as public, it's the just thing to do.

Respectfully we ask that you amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Judy Bryant
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents



Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of John and Alice Lambert
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents

Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
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Senate Bill 29. *"An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes."*

Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, our names are John and Alice Lambert and we are member of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. We appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

Respectfully we ask that you amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

John and Alice Lambert
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents



Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of Joe Nero
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents

Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
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Senate Bill 29. *"An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes."*

Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Joe Nero and I am a member of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

As a grandparent of a student who attends a Catholic school please allow our Catholic schools access to the school security funding available to public schools. Respectfully we ask that you amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow non-public schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

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Testimony of Jo-Anne Gauger,
Principal of St. Peter/St. Francis School, Torrington, CT

Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
March 13, 2014

Re: Senate Bill 29. *"An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and Other Purposes."*

Good Morning Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz, Senator Witkos, and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding,

My name is Jo-Anne Gauger and I am the principal of St. Peter/St. Francis School in Torrington, CT. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and Other Purposes.

I applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, I am respectfully requesting on behalf of all Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

Respectfully I ask that you amend Section 9 of Senate Bill 29 to allow Catholic and private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jo-Anne Gauger

Character ~ Compassion ~ Values



Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of Jennifer L. Forrler
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents

Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
March 13, 2014

Senate Bill 29. *"An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes."*

Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is a Jennifer L. Forrler and I am a member of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

Respectfully we ask that you amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Jennifer L. Forrler
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents



Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of Jeffrey Strouse
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents

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Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Jeff Strouse and I am a member of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

The late Nelson Mandela once said: "Safety and security don't just happen, they are the result of collective consensus and public investment. We owe our children, the most valuable citizens in our society, a life free from violence and fear." And this holds true for every child, regardless of the town in which they live or the school which they attend.

With great respect for you and your public service, I beg you to consider the safety and security of all young people in the State of Connecticut, whether they attend public or private schools, and amend Section 9 of Bill 29.

This is about our children. Their safety. And their future.

In this regard, I am reminded of something else Nelson Mandela once observed. He said: "There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way it treats your children."

My dear friends, what will your soul reveal? And how will you – you, alone—treat our children?

Respectfully I ask that you amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Jeff Strouse
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents



Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of Jeannine Simard
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents

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Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Jeannine Simard and I am a member of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. I am a concerned parent of a child who attends St. Mary's School in Milford CT. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

Our Catholic school children deserve the same security that the children in public schools receive. If catholic schools are not offered the same security it will leave the innocent children at the catholic schools VERY vulnerable. Please do not allow a tragedy to happen in any more of Connecticut's schools – public or private.

Respectfully we ask that you amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

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Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of Hollyann J. Corello

CT Federation of Catholic School Parents

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Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Hollyann J. Corello and I am a member of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

Respectfully we ask that you amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Hollyann J. Corello

CT Federation of Catholic School Parents



Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of Hamza Naqvi
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents

Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
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Senate Bill 29. *"An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes."*

Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Hamza Naqvi and I am a member of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. As a parent of 3 young kids at St. Jude School in Monroe, I would like to offer my written support of amending Section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

Respectfully we ask that you amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Hamza Naqvi
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents



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Director

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March 13, 2014

Clara Gaudet, Emily Gaudet, Anna Gaudet & Joseph Gaudet

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is Clara Gaudet and I am the parent of 3 children that are currently attending Saint Mary School in Newington, CT. I am writing to testify in support of SB 29, and to request that funds for school security be made available to non-public schools.

Within the last year, many schools in Connecticut have made the decision to improve security procedures for their students. Governor Malloy has announced that grants in excess of 15 million dollars will be made available to public schools throughout the state. None of this money has been offered to Catholic schools.

At Saint Mary School, not only is the education of our students top priority but also their safety and the safety of all personnel at the school. As the safety of everyone in our school is always a great concern of ours we have enhanced safety but with extremely limited resources and this funding would greatly help our school to meet future security upgrades. Many other Catholic schools have also made plans to make a vital investment in security upgrades. Schools may have to make the difficult choice of cutting other areas of spending in order to protect their students.

Shouldn't the safety of ALL Connecticut students be a priority? If nursing and transportation services for non-public students are funded by the state, shouldn't school security be funded as well? All students deserve a safe learning environment, regardless of where they attend school. I believe that the State of Connecticut has an ethical obligation to ensure that students in Catholic and other non-public schools have the same security as students in our public schools.

I urge you to support SB 29, and to allow our Catholic schools access to the security grant funding available to public schools in Connecticut. Please help us to keep all of Connecticut's students safe.

Thank you.
Respectfully submitted,

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Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of Mary Maloney
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents
Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
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Senate Bill 29. *"An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes."*

Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Mary Maloney and I am a the Principal at St. Rose of Lima School in Newtown, CT. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

On December 14, 2012, the St. Rose of Lima School community was directly impacted as a result of the shooting event that occurred at Sandy Hook School.

Students in Grades K-8 were attending 9am Mass in the Church. The school secretary received a message from her child's school that they were in lockdown due to a random shooting in the town of Sandy Hook. She had a teacher relay the message to the principal who called a lockdown in the Church and informed the Pre-School to initiate a lockdown. Parents and parishioners were also in attendance at the Mass. Through the advice of local police, teachers moved the children from the Church back into the main school building, a more secure location, to continue a secure lockdown. The lockdown was changed to a soft lockdown and around noon; lunches were brought to the classrooms. Students in the upper grades were not permitted to go to the portable classrooms and remained in a soft lockdown in the Gathering Hall and some main school classrooms. The Pre-School morning session was dismissed after normal hours and the afternoon session was told not to report. Lunch was brought to the classrooms in the main school. Some parents were present to assist.

A telephone call indicating that St. Rose School "would be next" resulted in a second lockdown. Police were contacted by the parish secretary and they arrived on campus to investigate the source of the call. When advised by police, the lockdown was changed to a soft lockdown at around 2pm and students began to prepare for dismissal. Parents were allowed to come to the main school entrance building to begin picking- up their children.

While preparing students to go home, the police received a message that there was a problem in the St. Rose Kindergarten classroom. Police stormed the building with weapons drawn. Many students were in the hallways and walking between the portable classrooms and main school building as police entered and stormed the school to enter the Kindergarten classroom. The school went into the third lockdown of the day. Once all cleared (after 3pm), the police worked with the bus company to have a special dismissal time for students.

On Monday, December 17, a meeting was called for all teachers, staff and administrators to meet with counselors from Catholic Charities and local Catholic high schools. Teachers were fearful to enter the building. Very emotional large and small group sessions were conducted all day. Teachers were invited to attend the Newtown session at noon and drove to Newtown High School only to learn that the sessions had concluded. Teachers returned to the school to continue additional discussions. It was determined that an event was needed to allow the

teachers and students to get together prior to Christmas. NYA offered a playroom for a couple of hours for students to play with each other. In addition, lunch and counseling took place with teachers, parents and students. Students sang some Christmas songs.

Due to the high publicity, press and nine funerals at the Church, the school was closed the week of December 17-21 and did not reopen until January 2.

Since the re-opening of the school buildings, teachers and students have been receiving minimal counseling services through the town. Student and teacher emotions have escalated due to unknown triggers, flashbacks. Teachers have been provided opportunities at meetings to express their concerns about feeling safe as well as caring for students. Parents have been very emotional and are seeking a lot of assistance as well. Due to funds not being available to the school, a minimal amount of counseling was provided immediately following the incident. The school experienced a surfacing of post-traumatic stress symptoms in students, teachers and parents.

I have been engaged in the Newtown Security Committee meetings, Newtown Prevention Council meetings and with Jo Ann Freiberg, an Educational Consultant with the Connecticut State Department of Education to gather information and recommendations with regard to hardening the facilities and creating.

Due to budget constraints, Newtown will not include St. Rose of Lima School in its provision of an officer onsite for the public schools. A significant portion of our school community finds the presence of the police on campus to be comforting and we are looking into our options pertaining to this service. In addition, Newtown will also not provide provisions for a Security Guard at the non-public schools located in the district. First Selectwoman, Pat Llodra has proposed a one time grant of \$50,000 to all non-profit elementary schools in Newtown. The proposal was approved and the non-public schools received \$50,000 to use for security purposes.

St. Rose School Connection to Victims

Five of the children killed had attended St. Rose Preschool. The teachers currently working at the Pre-School had these children in their classes. One of the children killed, Olivia Rose Engel, was an older sibling of a current Pre-School student. One of the adult victims, Anne Marie Murphy, is a sister to a Pre-School staff person. One of the adult victims, Vickie Soto, was a dear friend of one of the main school teachers. Three of the victims were children that older students were hired as child sitters. Many students in Grades 1 through 4 were friends or played sports with the Sandy Hook children who lost their lives. Teachers and administrators had professional relationships with Psychologist, Mary Sherlock. Our buildings are also shared with the parish community. More than 1,200 Newtown public school students are educated in our buildings Sunday through Wednesday.

Current Situation

St. Rose School is currently benefiting from a SERV grant that was submitted by Newtown in the spring of 2013. The grant enables the school to provide a full time guidance counselor for our students in Grades K through 8 for the period August 2013-14. It is hopeful that renewal of services will take place through the SERV grant for the school year 2014-15. In addition, our school is currently benefiting from a possible grant from the Department of Justice, Victims of Crimes as a result of Newtown agreeing to allowing our school to be included in the grant. The decision was made due to the fact that all children in Newtown needed to be provided the same security protection and post-traumatic professional services.

Proposes Senate Bill 29

It is without a doubt that the grant funding and town allocations have been of tremendous asset to the social-emotional and building safety needs of our school. Knowing the role of importance of that grant funds, the improved communication with Newtown officials, and the collaborative efforts of the public and non-public schools has had in Newtown, I applaud and appreciate that Bill 29 is being proposed.

I respectfully request that:

-The Senate Bill 29 be amended to allow non-public and Catholics schools be allowed to access the grant sent forth in Section 9.

-Prior to approving the proposed Bill 29, the inclusion of language that ensures an equitable grant application process for all schools, public and non-public, and that the percentage of funding for a town be reflective of a student-based percentage that reflect equitable funding for security and professional services of all schools, public and non-public.

-In addition, provisions in Bill 29 should reflect the importance of including non-public schools in emergency exercises, developing municipal emergency plans, identifying and implementing district-wide security measures and needs assessments.

Such language in Bill 29 will ensure that all school administrators, whether public or private, are provided the ability to offer a safe school environment and are accountable to ensure the safety and well-being of the students who attend their school.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary R. Maloney
Principal
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Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents
Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
March 13, 2014

Senate Bill 29. *"An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes."*

Distinguished members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee, I am a school secretary at Saint Mary School in Newington. As such, I am the first line of both offense and defense to the school. I take the issue of visitors and guests entering the building seriously and since the tragedy in Newtown, am even more cognizant of who enters the building and for what reason.

We currently do have and utilize a "buzzer system" to gain entry to the building via the front door with a security camera (1) monitor that sits on my desk. However, our front doors are made primarily of glass and not bullet proof. Furthermore, the back of my head sits in a window which is in plain view of the front door.

There are 9 entrances from the outside to our school – only one of which has a camera. All doors are locked at all times however, 8 of these doors are made partially of glass thus, easy enough access to someone who wants to get in and cause trouble.

I attended my own school's Board meeting and expressed my concerns regarding the safety of the staff and students at the school – citing many of the items I have referenced above. While the School Board agreed with me, it came down to not having the funds to do a full upgrade security within the building. We made what changes we could afford, with changing of locks and fixing locks so they could NOT be unintentionally left in the unlocked position and changing the procedure for pickup of children in our after-school care program. There is still so much more to be done that could keep the students and staff within the building safe.

I, like many other Connecticut school secretaries I am sure, received many phone calls the morning of the tragedy in Newtown from parents as well as my own family members (from as far away as Texas) to ensure that the students and staff were safe in our building. It is horrific to think that something like this happened and could, conceivably and unfortunately, happen again. Please, do what you can, to keep ALL Connecticut school students and staff safe and secure. It should not matter what "type" of school they attend.

I respectfully urge you to amend Section 9 of Bill 29 to allow Catholic schools access to the school security funding available to public schools.

Elizabeth A. Savluk
Saint Mary School, Newington



CT FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS

Mary C. Roberts
Director

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Finance Committee

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Purposes
March 13, 2014
Edmund J. Ramos

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is Edmund J. Ramos. I am writing to testify in support of SB 29, and to request that funds for school security be made available to non-public schools.

I am an ordained Deacon of the Roman Catholic Church of the Archdiocese of Hartford and have been for the past 28 years. After graduating from the Milford High School in 1947, I entered the United States Air Force and served honorably for six years during the Korean incident. While in the service, I served our country and all of its citizens not just certain ones. The United States Constitution that I took an oath to defend, as all of you did, entitles all of us to EQUAL PROTECTION under the law.

Today, I ask all of you who have taken an oath to defend the Constitution of the State of Connecticut and the Constitution of the United States not to put my three grandchildren who attend St. Mary School in Milford, CT in danger. I request that they be granted equal protection of the law of this great State of Connecticut and allocate the funds necessary to help provide for their protection – just like all children in our public schools.
THEY DESERVE NOTHING LESS!

I urge you to support SB 29, and to allow our Catholic schools access to the security grant funding available to public schools in Connecticut. I humbly ask for you to support amending Section 9 of SB Bill 29 and allow our Catholic schools access to the security grant funding available to public schools in Connecticut.

Please help us to keep all of God's children safe

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of Ed and Mary Turbert
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents
Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
March 13, 2014

Senate Bill 29. *"An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes."*

Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, our names are Ed and Mary Turbert and we are members of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. We appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

The Catholic schools assist the state of Connecticut in fulfilling its constitutional obligation by educating thousands of our young people every year. The history of good academic performance and sound character among catholic school students is a well-known fact, and many go on to be productive citizens, even leaders, even holding office as state legislators, governors and judges in the state of Connecticut.

So it has been viewed as only fair in the laws, for the same Catholic schools to have access to the same support as public schools, for nursing and transportation. And it follows these Catholic schools should also be able to receive the same assistance to provide security and reduction of the risk of harm, as a public school may have.

Please think of the safety of all of Connecticut's youth and include Catholic schools as beneficiaries of the provisions in Bill 29, regarding School Security Grants.

So often we see kids on streets that are unaware of the watchful protective gaze of parents, crossing guards, teachers and passersby, but who proceed in safety to and from their schools. Your guiding leadership and care though, for all of the young will be gratefully acknowledged and honored, and you will be recognized as standing between children and harm as well as on the side of equity.

Respectfully we ask that you amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Ed and Mary Turbert
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Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of Nancy Pannese
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents

Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
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Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Nancy Pannese and I am a member of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

Every child, regardless of where he or she goes to school needs to be kept safe. As a tax paying citizen, it is disheartening that my tax dollars would be used to protect only a portion of the State's children, leaving others vulnerable.

After the Newtown tragedy last December, safety should be the priority for EVERYONE. Funding should be dispersed equally to all schools in the town as we are all taxpayers and share the same interest. Children and Safety are the main priority.

Respectfully we ask that you amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Nancy Pannese



Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of Michelle Augustine
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents

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Senate Bill 29. *"An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes."*

Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Michelle Augustine and I am a member of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

Respectfully we ask that you amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Michelle Augustine
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents



Mary C. Roberts
Director

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March 13, 2014

Michael Nolan

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is Michael Nolan and I am in the 7th grade at Saint Timothy Middle School in West Hartford. I am writing to testify in support of an amendment to Section 9 of SB 29, and to request that funds for school security be made available to non-public schools.

Within the last year, many schools in Connecticut have made the decision to improve security procedures for their students. Governor Malloy has announced that grants in excess of 15 million dollars will be made available to public schools throughout the state. None of this money has been offered to Catholic schools. At Saint Timothy Middle School, \$50,770.20 was spent last summer to improve security. These improvements and upgrades include a security gate, door locks, security cameras, monitors, intercom for the front doors, two-way radios, Voice/e-mail/text notification system, keyless entry, security doors and wiring to support the security system. Saint Timothy Middle School has had to make the difficult choice of cutting other areas of spending in order to protect our students.

Shouldn't the safety of ALL Connecticut students be a priority? If nursing and transportation services for non-public students are funded by the state, shouldn't school security be funded as well? All students deserve a safe learning environment, regardless of where they attend school. I believe that the State of Connecticut has an ethical obligation to ensure that students in Catholic and other non-public schools have the same security as students in our public schools.

I urge you to support an amendment to Section 9 of SB 29, and to allow our Catholic schools access to the security grant funding available to public schools in Connecticut. Please help us to keep all of Connecticut's students safe.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of Paul Sideleau
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents
Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
March 13, 2014

Senate Bill 29. *"An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes."*

Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Paul Sideleau and I am a member of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

Protecting children at all schools, including catholic and other private schools is imperative. All children should have equal rights to learn in a safe and secure environment. As a tax paying citizen of CT, I expect my children to be treated the same as children in public schools and be given an equal shared of funding for security measures. In light of the tragic shootings throughout the country that happen way too frequently, it would be morally irresponsible to withhold funding from innocent, defenseless children attending catholic schools.

Please do the right and moral thing and ensure equal funding is given to all schools. Respectfully we ask that you amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

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Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of Patricia Bertie
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents

Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
March 13, 2014

Senate Bill 29. *"An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes."*

Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Patricia Bertie and I am a member of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

Respectfully we ask that you amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Patricia Bertie
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents



Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of Pat Griffin
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents
Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
March 13, 2014

Senate Bill 29. *"An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes."*

Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Pat Griffin and I am the Principal at St. Jude School in Monroe, CT. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

I am writing to you on behalf of all of the Catholic school students in the State of Connecticut, but in particular, those who attend St. Jude School in the town of Monroe. I have a unique perspective on the need for school security in the wake of last year's tragedy, since my school is in close proximity to Newtown, and students from Sandy Hook Elementary current learn at a school a half a mile from St. Jude. Each of us was touched by this senseless tragedy last year and each of us is also acutely aware of how any learning environment can be compromised.

The town of Monroe as all towns in the state, have the advantage of funding to improve all of the public schools, while St. Jude and other Catholic schools scramble to raise money to do the same. It is my belief that children are our most important resource and need to be protected, no matter what school their parents' choose for them to attend. All of the students at St. Jude School and other Catholic schools in CT have parents who are taxpayers in the State of Connecticut and deserve the same right to protection.

The School Security Bill 29 needs your support so that safety and security of all students and teachers can be realized across the state. I am asking for your support as an administrator, an educator, a parent and a taxpayer of Connecticut. Please ensure that my students and teachers have been given the opportunity to be as safe in their learning environment as those in public schools.

Sincerely,

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Mary C. Roberts
Director

Legislative Testimony
Finance Committee
SB 29 An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and Other
Purposes
March 13, 2014
Fr. Bill Sangiovanni and Christopher Cipriano

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee:

As President and Principal of Notre Dame High School in Fairfield, we are writing to testify in support of an amendment to Section 9 of SB 29, and to request that funds for school security be made available to non-public schools.

Within the last year, many schools in Connecticut have made the decision to improve security procedures for their students. Governor Malloy has announced that grants in excess of 15 million dollars will be made available to public schools throughout the state. None of this money has been offered to Catholic schools.

At Notre Dame, we are in the process of raising in excess of \$100,000 to replace the windows in our entryways with bullet resistant glass, install new classroom door locks and purchase a new HD security camera system. Many other Catholic schools have also made plans to make a vital investment in security upgrades. Schools may have to make the difficult choice of cutting other areas of spending in order to protect their students.

Shouldn't the safety of ALL Connecticut students be a priority? If nursing and transportation services for non-public students are funded by the state, shouldn't school security be funded as well? All students deserve a safe learning environment, regardless of where they attend school. We believe that the State of Connecticut has an ethical obligation to ensure that students in Catholic and other non-public schools have the same security as students in our public schools.

We urge you to support an amendment to Section 9 of SB 29, and to allow our Catholic schools access to the security grant funding available to public schools in Connecticut. Please help us to keep all of Connecticut's students safe.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fr. Bill Sangiovanni
President

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Chris Cipriano".

Christopher Cipriano
Principal



Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of Nancy Pannese
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents

Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
March 13, 2014

Senate Bill 29. *"An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes."*

Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Nancy Pannese and I am a member of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

Every child, regardless of where he or she goes to school needs to be kept safe. As a tax paying citizen, it is disheartening that my tax dollars would be used to protect only a portion of the State's children, leaving others vulnerable.

After the Newtown tragedy last December, safety should be the priority for EVERYONE. Funding should be dispersed equally to all schools in the town as we are all taxpayers and share the same interest. Children and Safety are the main priority.

Respectfully we ask that you amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Nancy Pannese



Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of Julie Scalora
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents
Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
March 13, 2014

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Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Julie Scalora and I am a member of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

I teach in two Catholic schools in Connecticut and it is appalling to me that the children, as well as the teachers and staff, are not afforded the same consideration as the public schools.

If there were an emergency in a Catholic school, the same town and state police, firefighters, Ambulances and FBI personnel would respond to the scene as if it were a public school. So why would the school not be afforded the same security to prevent this emergency?

The great majority of the children that attend Connecticut Catholic schools are residents of the State of Connecticut, as are most of the teachers and staff. For this reason alone, it is the responsibility of the State of Connecticut to provide equal services throughout the state to keep the Catholic schools (as well as any other school in the state) as safe as the public schools.

Allow the State of Connecticut to stand proud and tall showing its support for all of the schools in the state by being proactive in this pursuit of safety for all. Do not wait until there is another tragedy before a change is made.

Respectfully we ask that you amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Julie Scalora
Art Teacher
Saint Mary School, Newington, CT
Saint Paul School, Kensington, CT



Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of Sally & Rick Pauloz
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents

Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
March 13, 2014

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Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, our names are Sally & Rick Pauloz and we are members of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. We appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

It is our belief that all school children deserve a safe place to learn regardless of where they attend school. The school children represent our future. Every child is important! We want to protect all of them and ensure that their place of learning is safe.

Secondly, we believe that security is similar to the transportation and nursing services that we are gratefully able to benefit from like the public schools. Security has now become an equally vital element to a school system and we should receive similar funding.

Lastly, if this funding is coming from tax dollars, please remember that Catholic school families have paid their fair share of sales tax and income tax. Rightfully, a portion of that money is due back to us in services. Wouldn't it be unfair to just provide security funding to the public schools when the Catholic school families have also contributed to the taxes that will pay for the security funding?

Respectfully we ask that you amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sally & Rick Pauloz
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents



Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of
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March 13, 2014

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Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is Sophia Boudreaux, and I am in the 6th grade at Saint Timothy Middle School in West Hartford. I am writing to testify in support of an amendment to Section 9 of SB 29, requesting that funds for school security be made available to non-public schools.

Within the last year, many schools in Connecticut have made the decision to improve security procedures for their students. Governor Malloy has announced that grants in excess of 15 million dollars will be made available to public schools throughout the state. None of this money has been offered to Catholic schools.

Shouldn't the safety of ALL Connecticut students be a priority? If nursing and transportation services for non-public students are funded by the state, shouldn't school security be funded as well? All students deserve a safe learning environment, regardless of where they attend school. I believe that the State of Connecticut has an ethical obligation to ensure that students in Catholic and other non-public schools have the same security as students in our public schools.

I urge you to support an amendment to Section 9 of SB 29, and to allow our Catholic schools access to the security grant funding available to public schools in Connecticut. Please help us to keep all of Connecticut's students safe.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
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Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of Theresa & Dennis Kelly
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents

Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
March 13, 2014

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Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, our names are Theresa & Dennis Kelly and we are members of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. We appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

As parents of 3 children, living 15 minutes from Sandy Hook, I am reminded of our great loss as I pass thru Sandy Hook. A child is a child...their safety should not be discriminated because they go to a catholic school. We pay our taxes like everyone else. Our children should have the basic right of safety. And if the state is going to pay for a safe environment in the public schools then they should ethically do the same and create safe environment for all CT children's schools.

Respectfully we ask that you amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Theresa & Dennis Kelly
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents



CT FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL PARENTS

Mary C. Roberts
Director

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Purposes

March 13, 2014
Thomas M. Moran

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is Tom Moran and I am in the eighth grade at Saint Timothy Middle School in West Hartford. I am writing to testify in support of SB 29, and to request that funds for school security be made available to Catholic schools.

Due to the tragedy at Sandy Hook School, security has become a major priority at schools in Connecticut and nationwide. SB 29 includes funds for grants to schools so that they can improve their security procedures. I am asking that Catholic schools be allowed to apply for these grants.

My school, Saint Timothy Middle School spent more than fifty thousand dollars this past summer to improve security. The school bought security cameras, monitors, new door locks and a new notification system. We were not able to purchase new text books for some classes due to safety priorities.

I believe that wherever I attend school, whether Catholic or public, my classmates and I deserve to be safe. The safety of all Connecticut students should be important to all of you. The state helps Catholic schools to provide nursing and busing services. I think that school security is just as important. All students deserve a safe learning environment, regardless of where they attend school. It is important that students in Catholic and other non-public schools have the same security as students in public schools.

I urge you to support SB 29, and to allow our Catholic schools access to the security grant funding available to public schools in Connecticut. Please help us to keep all schools safe, including Saint Timothy Middle School.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of Tonia Roy
St. Matthew School Parent
Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
March 13, 2014

Senate Bill 29. "An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes."

Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Tonia Roy and I am a parent of two children attending private school. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments to support an amendment to Section 9 of Bill 29, allowing Catholic Schools access to the School Security funding that is available currently only to the State's public schools.

As a parent of two children attending private school I am respectfully requesting that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures. Knowing that the same security measures that is offered to children who attend public schools and not to those attending private schools is disconcerting to me. I was recently told that there was an incident about a person with a gun and he was around a Catholic school, but the Catholic school was never notified, but the public schools were. Does the safety of those children in private school not mean the same safety of the children in public school? School is school, no matter public or private. It is a place of learning and growing of young minds. A school should be a place where all children can be able to go and feel safe and a place where all parents should feel confident in sending their children. I believe the same kind of funding offered to public schools to ensure the safety of those children should also be offered to private schools as well. Does the safety and lives of my two children mean less because they attend private school? I want to know that when I go to work every day everything is being done to make sure that my children are coming home to me safe and sound like every parent wants for their child and those extra security funds should be available to private schools so that it can help our children do just that...help our children feel safe so that they can focus on learning and bringing our children home safe and sound.

Please amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow non-public schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Tonia Roy



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Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents

Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
March 13, 2014

Senate Bill 29. *"An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes."*

Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Mark Vanase and I am a member of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

A Catholic education is something that is important to many of the citizens in CT and our children should be given the same opportunity to have a safe, secure school as the other students throughout the state. Whether public or parochial, children like my 11 year old son Henry, a student at St. Patrick's Cathedral School in Norwich, shouldn't have to attend class without the upgrades that have become necessary to make sure he can learn in a safe environment.

Respectfully we ask that you amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

CT Federation of Catholic School Parents



Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of Wendy and Michael Hiltz
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents

Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
March 13, 2014

Senate Bill 29. *"An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes."*

Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, our names are Wendy and Michael Hiltz and we are members of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents. We appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

In the wake of the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy, much has been done to secure schools throughout our state and our nation. None of the school security grant money is being offered to Catholic schools yet we pay taxes in our town. We do not live far from Sandy Hook School and our children were placed on lock down that horrifying day and as parents we were terrified. We will never forget it as long as we live. If nursing and transportation services are offered shouldn't safety and security of our children be as well? It is our belief that no matter where a child attends school, they are entitled to monies that will provide greater security for them. Connecticut's Catholic School students or any students deserve a safer place to learn. We request you to support an amendment to section 9 of Bill 29 and allow our Catholic schools access to the security grant funding available to public schools in Connecticut.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Wendy and Michael Hiltz



Anthony J. Bosco, Jr.
Trustee, Diocese of Bridgeport, CT

Testimony of
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents

Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
March 13, 2014

Senate Bill 29. *"An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes."*

Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Anthony J. Bosco, Jr. and I am proud to be a Trustee of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents and equally as proud to be serving as Chairman of the Stamford Catholic Schools Advisory Board, representing a system that serves 1,200 students and their families who are part of our Elementary, Middle, and High School communities in one of the most important cities in Connecticut.

I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

It is unfortunate that we live in a world today where no school system is immune to the unfortunate and unexpected challenges to school security as we have recently and repeatedly witnessed. In our opinion, in order to rise up against these challenges, we firmly believe that ALL schools should be afforded equal access to resources, to allow them to effectively diffuse this unfortunate and constant threat.

While we would like to increase our partnership with the City of Stamford, and follow the great examples of partnership between City Government, Public Boards of Education, and Catholic Schools across our nation, the fact is that responsible budgeting is an area where the Stamford Catholic Schools historically continue to get shortchanged by interpretation of the law at the state and local levels.

And yet our families are taxpayers, who support the public school system with our tax dollars while also investing in a separate, faith-based education for our kids. Our tax dollars fuel opportunities in the public schools, while our Parochial schools continue to fight for services that our students should have equal access to under a clear interpretation of the law - including a fully



Anthony J. Bosco, Jr.
Trustee, Diocese of Bridgeport, CT

funded nursing staff, adequate busing & transportation, and ESPECIALLY the right for each and every student to be protected in a secure environment, regardless of what school they attend.

No one knows when or where the next tragedy will strike. No school is immune. No family should have to suffer from catastrophe if there is something we can do today that will help us prepare and avoid another devastating event.

Today, you can do something to take a step to ensure the safety of ALL of our students.

Today 1,200 families in Stamford, CT are asking each of you to stand with us, to ensure safety and security for ALL.

Every school and every student deserves to have the most effective security plan implemented that is available to their system.

That starts with you, today, upholding a high standard of equal opportunity, allowing for Catholic and Private schools to receive EQUAL consideration and FAIR evaluation in a process that opens up and awards security grant funding to ALL schools.

To this end, we respectfully ask that you amend Section 9 of SB 29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems. When it comes to safety in this day and age, every student is EQUALLY important, and every system deserves an EQUAL opportunity to improve.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Anthony J. Bosco, Jr.

Trustee, CT Federation of Catholic School Parents
Chairman, Stamford Catholic Schools Advisory Board



Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of Tracy Heim
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents
Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
March 13, 2014

Senate Bill 29. *"An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes."*

Good Morning, Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and other distinguished members of the Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding, my name is Tracy Heim and I am a member of the CT Federation of Catholic School Parents, I am here on behalf of both myself, a parent of three students at St. Rose of Lima School in Newtown, and our Principal, Mary R. Maloney. I appreciate this opportunity to offer my comments in support of amending Section 9 of Bill 29, *An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes*.

We applaud Governor Malloy and the General Assembly for their hard work in 2013 on the School Security Grant Program in Section 84 of Public Act 13-3. Going forward, we are respectfully requesting on behalf of the Catholic schools, that the law be amended to allow our schools to also access grants for school safety and upgraded security measures.

On December 14, 2012, the St. Rose of Lima School community was directly impacted as a result of the shooting event that occurred at Sandy Hook School.

Students in Grades Kindergarten through 8th grade were attending 9am Mass in the Church. The school secretary received a message from her child's school that they were in lockdown due to a random shooting in the town of Sandy Hook. She had a teacher relay the message to the principal who called for a lockdown in the Church and informed the Pre-School to initiate a lockdown as well. Parents and parishioners were also in attendance at the Mass that morning. Through the advice of local police, teachers moved the children from the Church back into the main school building, a more secure location, to continue a secure lockdown. The lockdown was changed to a soft lockdown around noon. 175 students in the upper grades were not permitted to go to the portable classrooms and, therefore, remained in a soft lockdown in the large multi-purpose room of our school and some main school classrooms. The Pre-School morning session was dismissed after normal hours and the afternoon session was told not to report. I was one of three parents present in the building that day; we assisted where and when we could.

A telephone call indicating that St. Rose of Lima School "would be next" resulted in a second lockdown. Police were contacted by the parish secretary and they arrived on campus to investigate the source of the call. When advised by police, the lockdown was changed to a soft lockdown at around 2pm and students began to prepare for dismissal. Parents were allowed at that time to come to the main school entrance building to begin picking-up their children.

While preparing students to go home, Newtown police received a message that there was a problem in the St. Rose of Lima School Kindergarten classroom. Police stormed the building, with weapons drawn. Middle school students were in the hallways and walking between the portable classrooms and as the police entered the main school

building to find the Kindergarten classroom. The school went into the third lockdown of the day. Once all cleared (after 3pm), the Newtown police worked with the bus company to have a special dismissal time and procedure for the students.

On Monday, December 17, a meeting was called for all teachers, staff and administrators to meet with counselors from Catholic Charities and local Catholic high schools. Teachers were fearful to enter the building. Very emotional, large and small group sessions were conducted all day. Teachers were invited to attend a Newtown session with teachers and administration from the public schools at noon and made the drive to Newtown High School only to learn that the program changed and that planned sessions had concluded. Teachers returned to our school to continue additional discussions independent of the other schools staff and administrators. It was determined that an event was needed to allow the teachers and students to get together prior to Christmas. The Newtown Youth Academy offered a playroom for a couple of hours for students to gather together and play. In addition, lunch and counseling took place with teachers, parents and students. Students even broke out into spontaneous Christmas carols.

Due to the high publicity, press and the nine funerals taking place at the Church, it was decided that the school was to be closed the week of December 17th through the 21st and did not reopen until January 2, 2013.

When the school buildings re-opened, teachers and students received minimal counseling services through the town. Student and teacher emotions have escalated due to unknown triggers and flashbacks. Teachers were provided opportunities at meetings to express their concerns about feeling safe as well as caring for students. Parents were and continue to be very emotional about the safety measures and lack of similar security as the public schools. They are seeking a great deal of counseling assistance as well. Due to funds not being available to the school, only a minimal amount of counseling was provided immediately following the incident. The school has experienced intermittent surfacing of post-traumatic stress symptoms in students, teachers and parents.

Our Principal, Mary Maloney, has been engaged in the Newtown Security Committee meetings, Newtown Prevention Council meetings and with Jo Ann Freiberg, an Educational Consultant with the Connecticut State Department of Education to gather information and recommendations with regard to hardening the facilities and creating safety plans.

Due to budget constraints, Newtown will not include St. Rose of Lima School within its provision of an officer onsite for each of the public schools in our town. A significant portion of our school community finds the presence of the police on campus to be comforting and we are looking into our options pertaining to this service. In addition, Newtown will also not provide provisions for a Security Guard at the non-public schools located in the district. First Selectwoman, Pat Llodra proposed a one time grant of \$50,000 to all non-profit elementary schools in Newtown. The proposal was approved and the non-public schools received \$50,000 to use for security purposes.

St. Rose School Connection to Victims

Five of the children killed had attended St. Rose of Lima Pre-School. The teachers currently working at the Pre-School had these children in their classes. One of the children killed, Olivia Rose Engel, was an older sibling of a current Pre-School student. One of the adult victims, Anne Marie Murphy, is a sister to a Pre-School staff person and my daughters teacher at the time. One of the adult victims, Vickie Soto, was a dear friend of one of the elementary school teachers. Three of the victims were children that older students at our school were hired as child sitters for. Many students in Grades 1 through 4 were friends or played sports with the Sandy Hook School children who lost their lives. Teachers and administrators had professional relationships with School Psychologist, Mary Sherlock. Our buildings are also shared with the parish community. More than 1,200 Newtown public school students are educated in our school buildings Sunday through Wednesday.

Current Situation

St. Rose of Lima School is currently benefiting from a SERV grant that was submitted by The Town of Newtown in the spring of 2013. The grant enables the school to provide a full time school counselor for our students in Grades Kindergarten through grade 8 for the period August 2013- August 2014. It is hopeful that renewal of services will take place through the SERV grant for the school year 2014-2015. In addition, our school is currently benefiting

from a possible grant from the Department of Justice, Victims of Crimes as a result of the Town of Newtown agreeing to allow our school to be included in the grant. The decision was made due to the fact that all children in Newtown needed to be provided the same security protection and post-traumatic professional services.

Proposed Senate Bill 29

It is without a doubt that the grant funding and town allocations have been a tremendous asset to the social-emotional and building safety needs of our school. Knowing the important impact that these grant funds have on our school, the efforts to improve communication with Town of Newtown officials, and the collaborative efforts of the public and non-public schools has had in Newtown, I applaud and appreciate that Bill 29 is being proposed.

I respectfully request that:

-The Senate Bill 29 be amended to allow non-public and Catholic schools be allowed to access the grant sent forth in Section 9.

-Prior to approving the proposed Bill 29, the inclusion of language that ensures an equitable grant application process for all schools, public and non-public, and that the percentage of funding for a town be reflective of a student-based percentage that reflect equitable funding for security and professional services of all schools, public and non-public.

-In addition, provisions in Bill 29 should reflect the importance of including non-public schools in emergency exercises, developing municipal emergency plans, identifying and implementing district-wide security measures and needs assessments.

Such language in Bill 29 will ensure that all school administrators, whether public or private, are provided the ability to offer a safe school environment and are accountable to ensure the safety and well-being of the students who attend their school.

Respectfully, we ask that you amend Section 9 of Senate Bill 29 to allow Catholic and Private schools access to the school security grant funds available to the state's public school systems.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Heim
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents
St. Rose of Lima School Parent, Marketing & Development Consultant
Newtown CT 06470



Mary C. Roberts
Director

Testimony of
CT Federation of Catholic School Parents
Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding
March 13, 2014

Senate Bill 29. *"An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and other Purposes."*

Distinguished members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee, Senator Slossberg, and Representative Maroney,

My name is Katherine Anderson Doyle. I am a former Milford public school teacher, and have been a Milford Resident for 26+ years. My husband has lived here all his life and is a product of the public schools. Both our families are still residents here. I am writing to testify in support of SB29 and to request that funds for school security be made available to all Milford residents, public and non-public school students.

As a parent of two first graders at St. Mary School, I worry more about other things than grades, lunches, bullying, etc. Now, we as parents are constantly thinking about the SAFETY of our children when they enter school each day. We live in fear each day that we protect them from the threats of violence that we see way too often in the schools and all public places. Times have certainly changed.

Governor Malloy has empowered some of us, allowing grants in excess of 15 million dollars to be made available to public schools for security. This money however will not be invested in any of the Catholic schools! None of these children are worth protecting? Why aren't all of us feeling empowered? Does he feel all children of Connecticut are not created equal? This is not right.

Nursing, bus transportation, special educational services are all funded by the state. Why would this be any different with school security? We are all tax-paying citizens, regardless of our religion and choice of schooling for our children. I believe that all children of this state should be awarded the funds, and protected equally. I am hoping that this can be made possible through your work. I am asking, begging, for you to make school security a priority for my children, your children, and all the children in this state. Please help us protect our most prized possessions; there is nothing more important.

Thank you for your time and help,

Katherine Anderson Doyle
132 Cedar Hill Road
Milford, CT
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Legislative Testimony
Finance Committee

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Other Purposes
March 13, 2014

Carlos Cabrera
Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is _____
and I am the parent of _____
who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

I am writing to testify in support of SB 29, and to request that funds for school security be made available to non public schools.

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I urge you to support SB 29, and to allow our Catholic schools access to the security grant funding available to public schools in Connecticut. Please help us to keep all of Connecticut's students safe.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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Parent Signature

Name Carlos Cabrera

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Finance Committee

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March 13, 2014

Claudeth Guillen

Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is

Claudeth Guillen and I am the parent of Luna Guillen

who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

CY Guillen

Parent Signature

Name

Claudeth Guillen

Street

125 Bushnell St.

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Hartford, CT 06114

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Eduardo D. Godoy

Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is
Eduardo Godoy and I am the parent of LUNA Guillen
who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Eduardo D. Godoy

Parent Signature

Name Eduardo D. Godoy

Street 125 Bushnell ST. 2nd Fl

Town, State Zip Code Hartford, CT 06114

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Finance Committee

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March 13, 2014

Milagros Zayas

Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is

Milagros Zayas and I am the parent of James A. Rivera / Heavenly M. Rivera who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Milagros Zayas

Parent Signature

Name

Milagros Zayas

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91 Barker St. 1fl.

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Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is
Johnny Castro and I am the parent of Joseph M. Castro
who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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I urge you to support SB 29, and to allow our Catholic schools access to the security grant funding available to public schools in Connecticut. Please help us to keep all of Connecticut's students safe.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Johnny T. Castro
Parent Signature

Name

Street

Town, State Zip Code

Johnny Castro

44 Baldwin Street

Hartford CT 06114

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March 13, 2014

Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is Roselyn Del Toro and I am the parent of Joselyn M. Castro who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Roselyn Del Toro
Parent Signature

Name

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Roselyn Del Toro

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Maubel F. Medero -> Luis Rivera

Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is

Maubel F. Medero -> Luis Rivera and I am the parent of Luis J. Rivera Medero who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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Respectfully submitted,

Maubel F. Medero

Parent Signature

Name Maubel F. Medero -> Luis Rivera

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March 13, 2014

Isabel Rodriguez

Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is

Isabel Rodriguez and I am the parent of Isabel Rodriguez who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Isabel Rodriguez

Parent Signature

Name Isabel Rodriguez

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Juan Carlos Guzman

Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is

Juan Carlos Guzman and I am the parent of Maribelis Rodriguez
who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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Juan Carlos Guzman

Parent Signature

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Javier Barboza

Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is

Javier Barboza and I am the parent of Ariana Merias
who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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Respectfully submitted,


Parent Signature

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Javier Barboza

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15 Sherbrooke Ave

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Jessica Mesias

Name of Resident

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Jessica Mesias and I am the parent of Ariana Mesias
who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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Parent Signature

Jessica Mesias

Name Jessica Mesias

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Dean R. Garcia
Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is
Dean R. Garcia and I am the parent of Michelle Garcia
who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean R. Garcia
Parent Signature

Name Dean R. Garcia

Street 231 PARK ST APT B-2

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Finance Committee

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Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is Carmen Gonzalez and I am the parent of Chassidy Maldonado who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen Gonzalez

Parent Signature

Name Carmen Gonzalez

Street 1993 Broad St

Town, State Zip Code HARTFORD CONN 06114

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Nereida Diaz De Jesus

Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is
Nereida Diaz De Jesus and I am the parent of Jesus A. Camacho
who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

I am writing to testify in support of SB 29, and to request that funds for school security be made available to non-public schools.

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Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Nereida Diaz De Jesus
Parent Signature

Name

Nereida Diaz De Jesus

Street

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Hartford Ct 06114

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March 13, 2014

Eric Pérez

Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is

Eric Pérez and I am the parent of Christian Pérez

who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Pérez

Parent Signature

Name Eric Pérez

Street 11 Somers St.

Town, State Zip Code Hartford C.T. 06106

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Paula Garcia

Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is

Paula Garcia and I am the parent of

Joseph Jimmy

who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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Paula Garcia

Parent Signature

Name Joseph Jimmy

Street 1962 - Broad St Hartford CT, 06114

Town, State Zip Code _____

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March 13, 2014

Judith McLeod

Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is

Judith McLeod and I am the parent of Kelsey Reid who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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Respectfully submitted,

Judith McLeod

Parent Signature

Name Judith McLeod

Street 260 Preston St

Town, State Zip Code HARTFORD, CT 06114

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Johanna Asenjo

Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is

Johanna Asenjo and I am the parent of Johnny Rivas
who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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Johanna Asenjo

Parent Signature

Name Johanna Asenjo

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Town, State Zip Code 06114 Hartford CT

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Herleni López

Name of Resident

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Herleni López and I am the parent of Melissa & Laura López

who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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Parent Signature

Name Herleni López

Street 134 Fairfield Ave

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MAGALY MORALES

Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is

MAGALY MORALES and I am the parent of JOAO VIZCARRA who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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Respectfully submitted,

MAGALY MORALES

Parent Signature

Name MAGALY MORALES

Street 45 MOUNTFORD

Town, State Zip Code HARTFORD CT. 06114

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Milagros Pinedo

Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is

Milagros Pinedo and I am the parent of Guadalupe Rivas
who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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Respectfully submitted,

Milagros Pinedo

Parent Signature

Name Milagros Pinedo

Street 98 Mountford.

Town, State Zip Code Hartford Ct. 06114

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Silvia I Grados.

Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is
Silvia. and I am the parent of Joshua.

who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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Parent Signature

Name Silvia I Grados.

Street 214 HANMER ST 06114

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Ana L. Vazquez

Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is

Ana and I am the parent of Anderson D
who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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Respectfully submitted,



Parent Signature

Name Ana L. Vazquez

Street 17 WEBSTER STREET

Town, State Zip Code Hartford CT 06114

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LEICA RODRIGUEZ

Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is
LEICA RODRIGUEZ and I am the parent of Nicholas Hernandez
who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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LEICA M. RODRIGUEZ

Parent Signature

Name LEICA M. RODRIGUEZ

Street 234 Pershing Ave New Britain CT 06053

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ALFREDO A. OLIVA

Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is

ALFREDO A. OLIVA and I am the parent of DAMIAN, ALEXANDER, ANGEL
BETANCOURT
who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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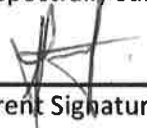
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Parent Signature

Name ALFREDO OLIVA

Street 38 MAPLETON

Town, State Zip Code HARTFORD CT 06108

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Sarnia Scarlett

Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is

Sarnia Scarlett

and I am the parent of

Olivia Yaffe

who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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S. Scarlett

Parent Signature

Name Sarnia Scarlett

Street 29 Sprague Street

Town, State Zip Code Hartford, CT, 06106

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William Castellano

Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is

William Castellano and I am the parent of Alyssa Castellano

who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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William Castellano

Parent Signature

Name William Castellano

Street 130 Retreat Ave Apt B1

Town, State Zip Code Hartford CT 06106

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Carol Catahvaringa
Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is

Carol Catahvaringa and I am the parent of Alexander A. Romero
who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford. Catahvaringa

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Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Catahvaringa
Parent Signature

Name Carol Catahvaringa

Street 160 South ST. 1ST FLOOR

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March 13, 2014

Esteban A. Romero

Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is

Esteban A. Romero and I am the parent of Alexander A. Romero
Cajahuaringa
who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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Parent Signature

Name Esteban A. Romero

Street 160 South ST. 2nd Floor

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Yadira Perez
Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is
Yadira Perez and I am the parent of Leilany A. Santiago
who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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Respectfully submitted,


Parent Signature

Name

Yadira A. Perez

Street

23 Lockwood St. ~~Manchester~~

Town, State Zip Code

Manchester, CT 06042

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Hollie Mesias

Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is

Hollie Mesias and I am the parent of Nia Rivadeneira
who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Hollie Mesias
Parent Signature

Name Hollie Mesias

Street 442 Franklin Ave.

Town, State Zip Code Hartford - CT - 06114

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Milvette Betancourt
Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is

Milvette Betancourt and I am the parent of Cesar Escobar
who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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Parent Signature

Name Milvette Betancourt

Street 107 Brown St

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SB 29 An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State for Capital Improvements, Transportation and Other Purposes

March 13, 2014

Juan Reyes
Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is

Juan Reyes and I am the parent of Ruben & Ethan Hernandez
who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford. Grandpa

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Respectfully submitted,

Juan Reyes
Parent Signature

Name Juan Reyes

Street Hudson Street

Town, State Zip Code Hartford CT 06106

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Magalis Crespo
Name of Resident

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Magalis Crespo and I am the parent of Ruben Hernandez +
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Magalis Crespo
Parent Signature

Name Magalis Crespo

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Ivan Hernandez
Name of Resident

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Ivan Hernandez
Parent Signature

Name Ivan Hernandez

Street 104 West Street

Town, State Zip Code New Britain, CT

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Makany Reyes
Name of Resident

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Ethan Hernandez

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Makany Reyes
Parent Signature

Name Makany Reyes

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Jose T. Mejia

Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is

Malany Keya and I am the parent of Ruben Hernandez and Ethan Hernandez who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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Parent Signature

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Town, State Zip Code

Jose Tony Mejia
Jose Tony Mejia
7 Mary Shepard Pl. Apt. 209
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Cheryl Arthur

Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is

Cheryl Arthur and I am the parent of Aliyah Arthur who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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Respectfully submitted,



Parent Signature

Name Cheryl Arthur

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Jose Alfredo Viveros

Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is

Jose Alfredo Viveros and I am the parent of Maria del Carmen Viveros
who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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Name Jose Alfredo Viveros

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Rosa Alvarez.

Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is

Rosa Alvarez. and I am the parent of Alexis Alvarez. who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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Rosa Alvarez
Parent Signature

Name

Rosa Alvarez.

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36 Somers St.

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Luis Alvarez

Name of Resident

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Michelle Whalley
Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is Michelle Whalley and I am the parent of Amaya Blackman who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Whalley
Parent Signature

Name Michelle Whalley

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Anna Williams-Robe

Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is

Anna

and I am the parent of Sapphire Robe

who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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[Signature]

Parent Signature

Name

Anna Williams-Robe

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Ransford Rowe

Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is

Ransford Rowe and I am the parent of Sapphire Rowe who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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R. Rowe

Parent Signature

Name Ransford Rowe

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William Aponte
Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is

William Aponte and I am the parent of William Christopher
Karolina Aponte
who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Parent Signature

Name William Aponte

Street 193 goodwin Street

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Amanda Pérez Aponte
Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is

Amanda Pérez Aponte and I am the parent of William Christopher ¹
who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

Karolina Aponte

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Respectfully submitted,

A. Pérez Aponte
Parent Signature

Name Amanda Pérez Aponte

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Fe Martinez

Name of Resident

Senator Fonfara, Representative Widlitz and members of the Finance Committee, my name is

Fe Martinez and I am the parent of Shah Gomez

who attends Saint Augustine School in Hartford.

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Fe Martinez
Parent Signature

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Fe Martinez
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